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Applicant : Gene P. DiPoto et al.
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courteous telephone interviews conducted on March 18-19, 1997.

Applicants submit the following summary of these interviews to complete the record. During these telephone conversations, the undersigned queried whether the former examiner (Exr. Mark Leonardo) had the preliminary amendment filed by Applicants on April 11, 1996 before him when he prepared the office action mailed January 28, 1997. The Examiner explained that Applicants' preliminary amendment was not in the PTO file, and thus apparently was not considered by Examiner Leonardo. Accordingly, the Examiner asked that the undersigned fax a copy

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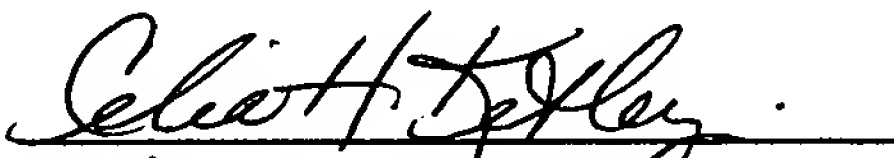
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of the preliminary amendment. In response to this request, Applicants have faxed the preliminary amendment, and now respectfully request that the Examiner consider Applicants' preliminary amendment, prepare a new action, and restart the period for response, as agreed upon during the telephone interviews.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 28, 1997


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